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NOTE TO: Ambassador Anne Armstrong  
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*Ambassador Armstrong -*

Further to our conversation at the reception last night, attached is the draft speech I plan to give at Harvard on February 13th. Graham Allison is organizing the affair under the sponsorship of the JFK School. The speech will be given in an auditorium that seats 175 and will be open to the media and on the record, as will be the Q&A session that follows.

Harvard has been the scene of a great deal of anti-CIA agitation recently, much of it because of the disclosure of our contacts with the Director of the Middle East Center. Questions about the risk to academic freedom of dealings with CIA have been raised. Both the Boston Globe and Harvard Crimson have been very anti-CIA. [redacted] others have told me that there is some concern elsewhere in the academic community as well about our growing contacts. This speech is intended to explain the background of CIA's relationship with the academic community, why we believe such contacts are necessary, address directly some of the concerns of academicians and, frankly, chide them gently about their hypocrisy and their lack of courage -- especially given all of the other outside contacts, including foreign governments, that Harvard and other academic centers have.

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As I said at the reception, I would very much appreciate any comments or suggestions you have on how to improve this draft. Because we hope the speech will be picked up by the media elsewhere, we obviously want to make the most of the opportunity. In this connection, I would greatly value your comments, drawing on your overall familiarity with intelligence and your political judgment.

Many thanks.

*R.M.G.*

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